

Morning Praise - 11th October 2026

19th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome and Notices

Opening Prayer of Praise

Hallelujah! For our Lord God, Almighty reigns!

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory.

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb!

Amen! Praise the Lord!

Revelation 19: 6 & 9

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, in love you open wide the doors
and welcome us into your presence.

Help us to respond to your invitation,
to put away our old clothes of sin,
and wear the wedding clothes of your Kingdom.
Amen

Opening song: Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above;

*Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:

*Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the judge shall come
And take his servants up
To their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangels voice
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Confession and Absolution

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
Let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

(a brief time of silence is kept)

Lord, we have ignored your invitation, preferring our own
tasks, possessions and worldly distractions to the joy of
your presence.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

We have treated your messengers with indifference or
hostility, and have failed to show your radical hospitality to others.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

We have entered your presence unprepared, clinging to our
old clothes of sin rather than putting on the wedding garment of
your righteousness.

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy.

Absolution

May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom
where dust and ashes have no dominion.
Amen

Song: Before the Throne of God Above. *(instrumental)*

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest, whose name is Love
whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free,
for God the just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable "I AM"
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Saviour and my God.**

Charitie Lees Bancroft (1841-1923)

Invitation to a Wedding – Short talk

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22 1-14 (Sue Lyons)

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: (Julie)

Offertory Hymn: All I once Held Dear

**All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss**

Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

***Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord.***

**Now my heart's desire is to know you more
To be found in you and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.**

***Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord.***

**Oh, to know the power of your risen life
And to know you in your sufferings
To become like you in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die.**

***Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord (repeat chorus)
And I love you, Lord.***

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Offertory Prayer

Generous God,
Creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at Your table we present this money.
Symbol of the work you have given us to do.

Use it, Use us
in the service of your world
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives
in our hearts through faith, and fills
us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who
strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Intercessions *(Susan)*

Responses

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer
Merciful Father
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of Your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Collect for the 19th Sunday after Trinity

**Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace,
to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of the peace.

Sharing Time

Final Song: Give me Oil in my Lamp *(instrumental)*

**Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the break of day.**

***Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!***

Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking.
Make me a fisher of men, I pray.
Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking,
Keep me seeking souls till Jesus comes again.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

Traditional

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm

May he bring you home rejoicing,
at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing,
once again into our doors.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Refreshments and Prayer Ministry.